

Claims:

1. A cue stick tip shaper for shaping and reshaping a cue tip on a cue stick used for playing pool or billiards, comprising:
  - a planar base;
  - an arrangement of articulable guides for receiving and aligning a cue stick tip received therebetween; and
  - a scuff surface arranged on said planar base in alignment with said guides, for shaping said cue tip.
2. The cue tip shaper as recited in claim 1, wherein each of said guides has a groove thereon to define a channel for receipt of only a portion of said cue stick.
3. The cue tip shaper as recited in claim 1 wherein each of said guides is movably attached to said base.
4. The cue stick shaper as recited in claim 3, wherein said base has an arrangement of elongated slots thereon for receipt of a shoulder screw for movable securement of said guides to said base.

5. The cue stick shaper as recited in claim 2, wherein said groove comprises a “V” shaped notch arranged on a front face of each of said guides.
6. The cue stick shaper as recited in claim 1, wherein each of said guides is movable with respect to one another to provide an adjustable opening for a cue stick disposed therebetween.
7. The cue stick shaper as recited in claim 1, wherein each of said guides is movable with respect to said base.
8. The cue stick shaper as recited in claim 1 wherein said scuff surface comprises a generally hemispherically shaped cutout arranged in an upper surface of said base.
9. The cue stick shaper as recited in claim 8 wherein said scuff surface comprises a replaceable insert of grit material.

10. A method of shaping a tip of a cue stick comprising:

arranging a pair of articulable guides adjacent a scuff surface on a base member;

inserting a tip of a cue stick between said guides so as to align said cue stick tip towards said scuff surface;

moving said guides with relative to one another to permit said guide to align and accommodate any diameter cue stick tip; and

rotating said cue stick about its longitudinal axis while rubbing its tip against said scuff surface so as to shape said tip.

11. The method as recited in claim 10, including:

forming an arrangement of grooves in said guides to define an elongated opening therebetween, so as to support and guide said cue stick in alignment with said scuff surface.

12. The method as recited in claim 11, including:

varying the size of said elongated opening to permit supported guidance of a cue stick tip therewith.

13. The method as recited in claim 11, wherein said grooves are of “V” shape in cross-section.

14. The method as recited in claim 10, wherein said scuff surface comprised a generally hemispherically shaped depression.

15. The method as recited in claim 14, wherein said scuff surface comprises a replaceable insert for insertion into said depression.

16. The method as recited in claim 10, wherein said guides are loosely secured to said base by a threaded bolt threadedly extending into each of said guides through a slot in said base.

17. The method as recited in claim 16, wherein said slots are arranged in diagonal corners in said base.

18. The method as recited in claim 13, wherein each of said guides has a face portion which is opposed to a face portion of the other of said guides.